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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 333-35 (COR)

Introduced by: Therese M. Terlaje
Sabina Flores Perez
James Camacho Moylan

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RAPID AND TRANSPARENT IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS RELATED TO COVID-19.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent and Findings

I Liheslaturan Guahan finds on March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law H.R. 748, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) as U.S. Public Law 116-136, which provides an estimated $2 trillion stimulus package to states and territories to address the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that the COVID-19 pandemic on Guam has crippled numerous private sector businesses and employees amid the necessary islandwide quarantine of the residents of Guam.

I Liheslaturan Guahan further finds that the government of Guam must act swiftly to bring much needed economic relief to the people of Guam and access the federal assistance opportunities of Public Law 116-136.

Section 2. I Maga’hågan Guahan may hire temporary employees to implement and expedite federal and local programs related to H.R. 748, and to

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process tax refunds on an expedited basis. I Maga’hågan Guahan shall report to I
Lihe slaturan Guåhan on July 1, 2020 and monthly thereafter, the number of
temporary employees hired pursuant to this Section, the positions filled, the length
of employment, the cost of said hiring, the source of funding, and the nature of the
critical need that was filled.

Section 3. Within five (5) business days after enactment of this Act, the
Government of Guam shall sign all necessary MOUs and MOAs, and shall establish
all necessary programs, to effectuate the provisions of H.R. 748, now Public Law
116-136, between the United States Federal Government and the Territory of
Guam. I Maga’hågan Guåhan and every Director or Agency head shall submit to I
Lihe slaturan Guåhan a copy of any agreement signed on behalf of the agency or the
government of Guam within 12 hours of signing on behalf of Guam, and shall submit
a copy of the fully executed agreement within 12 hours of receipt.

Section 4. The Department of Revenue and Taxation is authorized to
implement any procedures necessary to implement the federal Economic Impact
Payments or cash assistance program. In implementing the cash assistance
procedures for the federal tax rebate program, the Department of Revenue and
Taxation shall not allow any abatement, attachment, or garnishment of the Economic
Impact Payment except for child support.

Section 5. Notwithstanding the Administrative Adjudication Act, the
Department of Labor shall utilize any existing program or create separate rules for
the implementation of the unemployment insurance program authorized in H.R. 748,
now U.S. Public Law 116-136. Said rules shall be posted on the DOL website, and
shall be transmitted to the Speaker of I Lihe slaturan Guåhan within 15 days of
enactment of this Act.

Section 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds that may
be subject to legislative authorization or appropriation for expenditure pursuant to
Section 5001, Title V of H.R. 748 shall not be expended without the express consent of I Lihesluran Guahan and are not subject to transfer.

Section 7. I Maga’hågan Guahan shall keep a full account of all COVID-19 expenses incurred by I Maga’håga funded with either local or federal funds, and shall report such to I Lihesluran Guåhan within 5 days of the close of each calendar month. Reports shall include a clear description of the source of funds, such as transferred funds, lapsed funds, local appropriations, federal funds, or any other discernable fund type.

Section 8. The OPA shall conduct semi-annual audits of all expenditures on Guam associated with H.R. 748, now U.S. Public Law 116-136 for compliance with all applicable local and federal laws and may require from agencies or the Governor information required to complete the audits.

Section 9. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.